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World AIDS Day - December 1, 1990: Focus on Women and AIDS

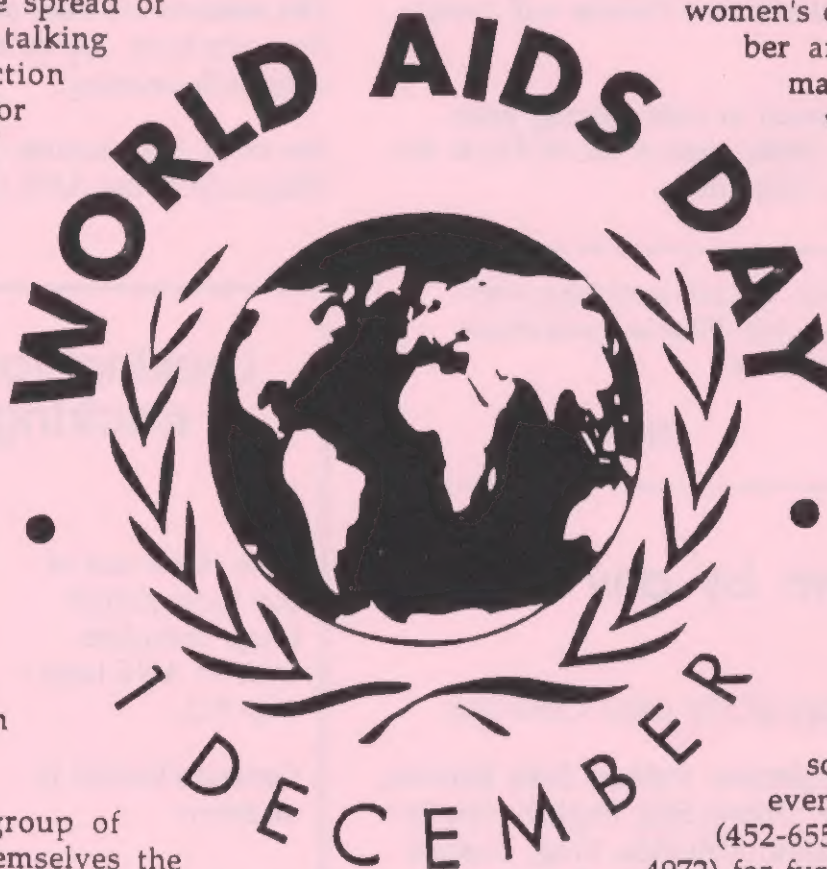
World AIDS Day is an annual day of observance designed to build a strong worldwide community of people working together to limit the spread of HIV. It means talking about HIV infection and AIDS, caring for people with HIV infection and AIDS, and learning about AIDS.

The first AIDS Day in 1988 focused on global mobilization against AIDS. In 1989, the theme was Youth and AIDS. This year's theme is Women and AIDS.

In Edmonton, a group of women calling themselves the Edmonton Women and AIDS Project

have been meeting since August to plan for December 1st. Members of the Women and AIDS Project will attend a variety of women's events during October and November. To mark World AIDS Day we have planned a public gathering for women on December 1st.

We ask that as volunteers you tell people about World AIDS Day. Information sheets are available from the Network office. If you are interested in attending some of the planned events, contact Maria (452-6552) or Dawn (462-4972) for further information.



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Feather of Hope Society News

The Feather of Hope Aboriginal AIDS Prevention Society was officially incorporated on August 29, 1990. It is a non-profit organization whose main objective is to reduce the impact of HIV and AIDS within Alberta's aboriginal community.

The FOHS will continue to do public speaking engagements to on- and off-reserve communities. Plans are made to develop an informational pamphlet and poster specifically directed to the aboriginal community. The FOHS will also assist Native communities in setting up community based programs.

The Board of Directors is presently undergoing a change. Denise Lambert, Chairperson, and David Nelson, Treasurer, are resigning their positions effective November 5, 1990 to pursue other endeavours. Ken Ward will be acting Chairperson and Marlene Portras will continue as Secretary.

If you are interested in volunteering your knowledge and skills, contact the FOHS at the AIDS Network, Edmonton.

If you hate a person, you hate something in him that is a part of yourself. What isn't part of ourselves doesn't disturb us.

- Herman Hesse

A Condom by any Other Name...

From the authors of *The Great Cover-Up*:

French Letter, Raincoat, Rubber, Baby Balloon, Cabinet of Love, Diving Suit, English Hat, Envelope, Fearnought, Fish-skin, Frog, Grecian Cap, Johnnie, Male Safe, Night Cap, Potent Ally, Rubber Duckie, Shower-cap, Safety Cap, Sweater, Shoe, Thimble, Thing, Very Tight Trousers.

Coping With Loss and Grief

If you are grieving the loss of someone to AIDS, four support sessions are planned for consecutive Wednesdays starting January 16 through to February 6. The sessions will focus on the participants' needs around grief, hanging on, letting go, and planning for the future.

We have no limit on the number of participants, but we need prior notice before you attend. Contact David Fitzgerald.

Counselling Available

A counsellor is available on Thursday evenings beginning November 1. The service is free. Focus of counselling is open to addressing issues around living with HIV, supporting the HIV positive individual, and relationship concerns.

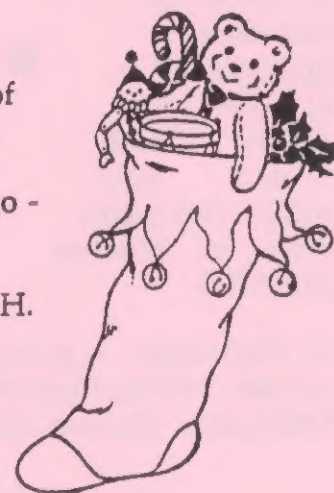
The sessions are held at the ANE office. Each runs one hour. Up to three persons may be seen each evening.

For more information, please contact Dave Fitzgerald at the ANE office.

Looking for a special stocking stuffer?

How about one of our hand-potted mugs complete with an ANE logo - only \$12.

Contact Heather H. or Steve.



Education Department Events

The Education Department of the Network will offer the following in-services for speakers:

"You Want me to Do What!!" November 1, 7 to 9 p.m., ANE office: A look at your presentation style - how to develop a presentation, points to consider when developing a talk.

"Education as a Social and Political Tool". December 6, 7 to 9 p.m., ANE office. Followed by holiday goodies and fun!

Eroticizing Safer Sex Workshops - The Talk Around Town!

For gay or bisexual men. Saturday Dec. 1, 1990, 1 to 5 p.m., ANE offices.

What about an Eroticizing Safer Sex Christmas Party in your own home? (Six or more people required.) For more information, phone 491-8086.

Annual AIDS Network Christmas Party



La Marchand Mansion
11503 - 100 Avenue

Party starts at 6:00 p.m.

Fun and Christmas cheer!

Invitations will be
sent out in
November.



Congratulations to Graduating Volunteers



Welcome to the twenty-five new volunteers who just completed their thirty-three hours of volunteer training. The entire ANE staff looks forward to having you aboard.

Congratulations!

Other Events

"That Dam Latex", A Safer Sex Workshop for Lesbians. November 3, 1 to 4 p.m. at the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre, 9917 - 112 Street. For more information, call 429-AIDS.

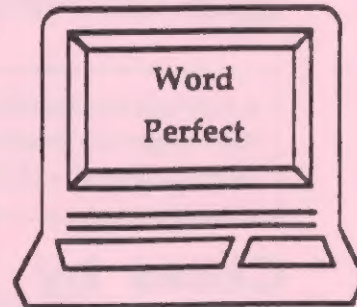
Volunteer In-Services:



"AIDS 202". November 24, 9 to 12; "An update on the latest research and issues surrounding AIDS.

Suicide Awareness. November 24, 1 to 4 p.m. If possible, please phone to register - Heather H. or Steve at 424-4767.

Computer Training in WordPerfect 5.1 (for volunteers). Thursday, November 22. Enrollment is limited to six. Call Heather H. or Steve at 424-4767 to register.



Women and AIDS

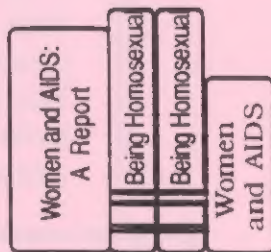
Panel - Touching Base Evening. November 29, 7 to 9 p.m. - ANE office. Panel of women, informal discussion followed by a Wine and Cheese Social. Men are urged to attend. Come meet new and old volunteers.

Look What's New

Books

Women and AIDS - A Master of Social Work Project Report. Carolyn Mossman, 1990.

Being Homosexual - Gay Men and Their Development. Richard A. Isay, MD. New York, NY, 1989.



Women and AIDS. Diane Richardson, New York, NY, 1988.

Videos

One Year After. 1988.

Covers the march on Washington as well as the NAMES Project Quilt. There are also scenes from ACT-UP demonstrations. Highly recommended.

Streetwise Women. Youthlink - Inner City, Toronto, 1990.

This video uses explicit imagery and language and deals with difficult issues such as IV drug use, STDs, HIV, negotiating safer sex, and empowering women to make smart choices. Covers issues for heterosexual women, lesbians, and sex trade workers.

It is one of the beautiful compensations of this life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. - Charles D. Warner

Cases by Location

(as of Sept 30, 1990)

	<u>Alive</u>	<u>Dead</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(90)</u>
Calgary	66	94	160	27
Edmonton	38	43	81	17
North	3	11	14	3
South	11	7	18	6
Totals	118	155	273	53

Volunteer Opportunities

Reception:

If you have two to three hours at any time, please give us a call. Reception volunteers are **URGENTLY NEEDED**. Even a shift here and there would help. Contact Heather H. or Steve at 424-4767.



Volunteer Manual:

A committee is now being formed to develop a volunteer manual. If you are interested, please contact Heather H. or Steve at 424-4767.

Attention Staff and Volunteers:

November is Video Month

Come and see the newest, most up-to-date videos about HIV / AIDS.

Where: The Network (Boardroom)

When:

Thurs., November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

Time: 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Bring your lunch and a friend.

Coffee / juice / pop available.

FREE POPCORN!!!

It's United Way Time

Just a reminder to designate that your United Way contribution go to the AIDS Network of Edmonton Society. A note on the back of your contribution form will make sure that your support comes to us, to help with education and support services.



Membership Drive

All volunteers are challenged to recruit two new members for the ANE. Memberships are \$25 each (\$10 for those on limited income). All members receive six newsletters each year; are notified promptly of workshops, in-services, and other events; and are eligible to vote at the annual general meeting.

Phone the Network and give us the names and addresses of people you have recruited to join our organization.

Bingos

Starting in December, volunteer workers are needed for bingos at the Londonderry Hotel. These will be held on Sundays only. Call Anne for more information or to volunteer.



Deadline for Submissions

The deadline for submission of articles for the next issue of *V.I.P. News* is 4:00 p.m. on December 5, 1990. Please submit items to Heather H. or Steve at the ANE office.

Yes!!! You can "half it all"!!!

Get your

entertainment '91

**discount - coupon books
at the ANE office.**

Only \$38

**Save up to 50%
on dining, movies, sports,
travel, and more!!**

**\$7.60 from the sale of each book
is a donation to the
AIDS Network of Edmonton Society.**

Phone 424-4767.

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Notes:				1 Noon - 1 pm Video Flicks 7pm Hospital Vols. 7pm Speaker's Bureau 7pm Healing Circle ALL SAINTS' DAY	2	3 "That Dam Latex" - Safer Sex Workshop for Lesbians Call 424-4767 for information
4	5 6pm EPLWHIV 7pm Advocacy	6 2-5pm Finance Committee 5.30pm Safer Sex (Women's Committee)	7 6pm Board Exec 6pm Education 7pm Partner's Group 7pm Family Grp	8 Noon - 1pm Video Flicks 7pm Buddy Vols 7pm Healing Circle	9	10
11 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 6pm EPLWHIV ANE OFFICE CLOSED	13 7pm Support Services Comm.	14 7.30pm HIV + Group	15 Noon - 1 pm Video Flicks 7pm Healing Circle	16	17
18	19 6pm Board of Directors 3pm EPLWHIV	20	21 7pm Partner's Group 7pm Family Group	22 Noon - 1pm Video Flicks 7pm Healing Circle 7-9pm Computer In-Service	23	24 VOLUNTEER IN-SERVICE 9-12 AIDS 202 1-4 Suicide Awareness
25	26 6pm EPLWHIV	27 7pm Assistant Eroticizers Mtg	28 5pm Human Resources Comm 7.30pm HIV + Group	29 Noon - 1pm Video Flicks 7pm Healing Circle 7pm Volunteer Touching Base Evening (Women and AIDS)	30	

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